

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respond herein to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007.

Claims 1-5 and 7-16 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Title has been amended to correct a typographical error.

New claims 11-16 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims 6-8 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. If amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, these claims would be allowable.

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The specification has been amended in response to the objection to the specification.

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Their allowance is requested.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by each of U.S. Patent Nos. 2,509,933 (Lind), 3,489,287 (Streander), 2,708,520 (Dallas), 2,635,758 (Walker), 4,793,926 (Vion), 4,595,504 (Hellman), 4,156,644 (Richard), 6,245,243 (Meurer), 3,774,770 (Sparham), and 4,957,628 (Schultz). As claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 5 and of allowable claim 6, withdrawal of the rejections of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

New independent claim 11 includes the subject matter of previous claim 1 before amendment and the allowable subject matter of claim 6. Allowance of claim 11 is respectfully requested.

New independent claim 14 includes the subject matter of previous claim 1 and of claim 9. Allowance of claim 14 is respectfully requested.

New dependent claims 12-13 and 15-16 are dependent upon claims 11 and 14, respectively. Their allowance is respectfully requested.

It is submitted that claims 1-5 and 7-16 are in condition for allowance.

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